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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE: PHARMACEUTICAL : MDL NO. 1456

INDUSTRY AVERAGE WHOLESALE : CIVIL ACTION

PRICE LITIGATION : 01-CV-12257-PBS

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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO :

State of Texas ex rel. :

Ven-A-Care of the Florida :

Keys, Inc. vs. Abbott :

Laboratories, et al. :

Case No. D-1-GV-04-001286 :

ORAL VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION

REAGAN O'BRIEN

MAY 8, 2007

ORAL VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF REAGAN O'BRIEN, produced as a witness at the instance of the

Henderson Legal Services 202-220-4158

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1	Defendant, and duly sworn, was taken in the	1	A P P E A R A N C E S (continued)
2	above-styled and numbered cause on the 8th day of		TOR ADDOMESTA DODA TODATO
3	May, 2007, from 9:03 a.m. to 2:49 p.m., before Tim		FOR ABBOTT LABORATORIES:
4	Fails, CSR in and for the State of Texas, reported	4	Mr. Louis P. Gabel
5	stenographically, at the offices of Jones Day, 2727	5	JONES DAY
6	N. Harwood Street, Dallas, Texas, pursuant to the	6	51 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.
7	Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and the provisions	7	Washington D.C. 20001-2113
8	stated on the record or attached hereto.	8), m n (v m 1 1)
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3	FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS:	3	FOR UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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11	FOR ROXANE LABORATORIES AND THE BOEHRINGER ENTITIES	:11	Take Oral Deposition
12	Mr. Jared Heck (Via Telephone)	12	Exhibit Abbott 167 Letter dated March 27,
13	KIRKLAND & ELLIS, L.L.P.	13	2003 from Beth A. O'Connor
14	200 E. Randolph Drive	14	to TrailBlazer Health
15	Chicago, Illinois 60601	15	Enterprises, LLC with
16		16	enclosures 69
17		17	Exhibit Abbott 168 Letter dated March 26, 2003
18		18	from Kelly P. Glauberman to
19		19	TrailBlazer Health Enterprises,
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9	ALSO PRESENT:	9	2003 from Gregory G. Carson
10	` ` ` ` ` ` '	10	to All Fiscal Intermediaries,
11			All Carriers, All Durable
12	` '	12	Medical Equipment Regional 150
13		13	Carriers, HHD043-0003 and 0004
14		14	Exhibit Abbott 172 Memorandum dated August 14, 2003
15		15	from Gregory G. Carson to All
16		16	Fiscal Intermediaries, All
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18		18 19	Abbotts First Set of Requests for
19			Production of Documents and
20		20 21	Tangible Things to the United
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Page 156 Page 154 1 A. -- falls within the purview of the MS. MARTINEZ: Objection to form. 1 2 department. 2 A. Not to my knowledge. 3 Q. So each department would --O. (By Mr. Gabel) And you see in the final 3 4 A. Would maintain those records. paragraph it mentions Troy Barsky of health and human services office of general counsel. 5 Q. Was there any documentation sent to 5 6 TrailBlazer employees informing them to halt the --Does that refresh your recollection 6 7 the destruction policies under CMS's guidelines for 7 on whether he was the individual who was in contact document retention or destruction? with TrailBlazer regarding the 2003 subpoenas? 8 8 9 MS. MARTINEZ: Objection to form. 9 MS. MARTINEZ: Objection to form. 10 MR. WALKER: Same objection. 10 A. The department would have communicated A. I personally would not have been in that within their own areas. 11 11 contact with him, so I can't speak to that. 12 Q. (By Mr. Gabel) Would they have done so 12 O. (By Mr. Gabel) Okay. I'm going to mark by e-mail? 13 13 14 Exhibit Abbott 172. And that is Bates No. A. Possibly. I can't speak to that. 14 Q. Do you know if there is any HHD043-0001. It's an August 14th, 2003 memo. 15 15 16 documentation showing TrailBlazer's communications 16 (Exhibit Abbott 172 marked) Q. (By Mr. Gabel) It's a memo from the to its employees regarding the retention of 17 17 documents in connection with Exhibit Abbott 171? 18 director of Medicare contract management group from A. Not to my knowledge. the center for Medicare management to all fiscal 19 intermediaries and all carriers. 20 Q. With respect to offsite storage, do you 20 know if any efforts were made to retain documents Have you seen this document before? 21 21 in connection with Exhibit Abbott 171? 22 A. No. Page 157 Page 155 1 A. This information would have been O. Not in 2004 or 2007? 1 2 communicated throughout the department in regards 2 A. No. to on-site and offsite storage. 3 3 O. Okay. Set that aside. 4 Q. Do you know what efforts individuals in 4 Back to Exhibit Abbott 171, were 5 each department took to ensure the retention of 5 there any other instructions subsequent to November documents in offsite storage locations? 6 2003 from CMS to TrailBlazer regarding the 7 A. Each individual I -- I can assume that 7 retention of documents in connection with 8 they would go by their department management 8 prescription drug reimbursement? 9 telling them not to destroy documents at CMS's 9 A. In 2003? O. After the November 2003 notice, was 10 requests. 10 11 Q. And was -- do you know if that was 11 there a follow-up --MS. MARTINEZ: Objection -communicated to Iron Mountain? 12 12 A. I -- I don't have an awareness of that. Q. (By Mr. Gabel) -- notice? 13 13 Q. Do you know if any documents exist MS. MARTINEZ: -- to form. 14 14 showing communication to Iron Mountain with respect 5 A. My understanding there were additional 15 16 to the retention of documents in connection with requests in January and February of 2004 in which 16 Exhibit Abbott 171? related to this document and retention policies. 17 17 18 A. Not to my knowledge. 18 Q. (By Mr. Gabel) Were there additional instructions regarding retention? Q. Do you know if any efforts were taken at 19 19 20 Iron Mountain to not destroy any documents in A. The request --20 connection with the instructions set forth in 21 MS. MARTINEZ: I'm going to object 21 22 Exhibit Abbott 171? 22 to form.

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1	MR. WALKER: Same objection.	1	not to your knowledge sorry. Strike all of
2	MS. MARTINEZ: You know, on your CM	5 2	that.
3	guidelines the the carrier retains all kind of	3	Is that correct with respect to CMS
4	documents and has retention policies and all that	4	instructions regarding
5	stuff. I believe that you're trying to ask about	5	MS. MARTINEZ: Objection
6	preservation.	6	Q. (By Mr. Gabel) preservation of
7	MR. GABEL: I	7	documents in connection with the drug reimbursemer
8	MS. MARTINEZ: I'm trying	8	cases?
9	distinguish because retention could comply to	9	A. Are you asking that we did not receive
10	anything. I'm just saying	10	any others?
11	Q. (By Mr. Gabel) Yeah. When I say	11	Q. Yes.
12	retention, I mean preserving documents, i.e., not	12	A. To my knowledge
13	destroying documents that may be relevant to the	13	Q. Okay.
14	drug reimbursement cases.	14	A that is correct.
15	Do you understand	15	Q. Any internally generated instructions
16	A. Uh-huh.	16	from TrailBlazer regarding the preservation of
17	Q that? I just want	17	documents related to
18	A. Yes.	18	A. Not to my knowledge.
19	Q to make sure that it's clear.	19	MS. MARTINEZ: Counsel, let me just
20	Were there any other instructions to	20	clarify. Between the two of you, you may not be
21	preserve or retain documents that were related to	21	understanding what you mean. If you mean also the
22	drug reimbursement?	22	Abbott case, are you trying to extend it to the
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1	A. The subsequent requests in 2004 were	1	present and the 2007 production in two
2	related to the 2003 requests. They were an	2	Q. (By Mr. Gabel) I'm asking
3	exception of that.	3	MS. MARTINEZ: directions?
4	Q. Any other preservation instructions that	4	Q. (By Mr. Gabel) for all cases
5	have been issued since 2004?	5	involving
6	A. Not to	6	MR. WALKER: Anything related to
7	MR. WALKER: Object to	7	drugs?
8	A my knowledge.	8	Q. (By Mr. Gabel) the drug reimbursement
9	MR. WALKER: the form.	9	the allocations of over-reimbursement for drugs.
10	MS. MARTINEZ: Objection to	10	So if that changes your answer,
11	Q. (By Mr. Gabel) I'm sorry.	11	whether it is the Lupron case, the AWP MDL case,
ירו	MS. MARTINEZ: the form.	12	the Ven-A-Care case against Abbott that the
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13	Q. (By Mr. Gabel) What was your answer?	13	government has intervened in
13 14	Q. (By Mr. Gabel) What was your answer?A. Not to my knowledge.	14	MS. MARTINEZ: Because they received
13 14 15	Q. (By Mr. Gabel) What was your answer?A. Not to my knowledge.MR. WALKER: You mean ever or just	14 15	MS. MARTINEZ: Because they received additional once you get into the 2007
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1	there been any other directions to preserve	1	independently decide to hold back any documents
2	documents after February of 2004?	2	A. No.
3	A. Yes, January 2007.	3	Q based on privilege?
4	Q. Anything between February of 2004 and	4	Do you know if CMS or the Department
5	January of 2007?	5	of Justice decided to withhold documents based upon
6	A. Not to my knowledge.	6	privilege?
7	Q. Any internally created directions to	7	A. Uh-huh.
8	preserve documents in connection with the cases	8	MR. WALKER: Objection. That goes
و	alleging over-reimbursement for prescription drugs,	9	into the directions that TrailBlazer would have
10	any internally created instructions by TrailBlazer?	10	received from CMS.
11	A. Not to my knowledge.	11	MS. MARTINEZ: Right. And I don't
12	Q. Did you have any commune	12	see what
13	communications with the Texas Attorney General's	13	MR. GABEL: Well, just the
14	Office relating to the preservation of documents in	14	MS. MARTINEZ: the point of
15	connection with the cases alleging	15	asking the witness if you have a privilege log.
16	over-reimbursement for drugs?	16	MR. GABEL: I want to know if
17	A. Not that I saw.	17	they're reflected on the privilege log.
18	Q. Did anyone within TrailBlazer determine	18	MS. MARTINEZ: Well
19	if the documents that were collected were protected	19	MR. GABEL: And so I mean
20	by any privileges of any sort?	20	MS. MARTINEZ: I mean, if
21	MR. WALKER: Object to the form.	21	attorneys gave you a privilege log
22	MS. MARTINEZ: And I object to the	22	MR. GABEL: Yeah. I
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1	form, too.	1	MS. MARTINEZ: take the
2	A. In 2004?	2	representation that those are the documents
3	Q. (By Mr. Gabel) In 2004.	3	withheld, but
4	MR. WALKER: Same objection.	4	MR. GABEL: I mean, do we
5	A. I I can't speak to that.	5	MS. MARTINEZ: I mean
6	Q. (By Mr. Gabel) Did you or anyone, to	6	MR. GABEL: do we
7	your knowledge, withhold documents based upon a	7	MS. MARTINEZ: how could she
8	determination that the document was privileged in	8	MR. GABEL: I guess
9	2004?	9	MS. MARTINEZ: How could she look
10	A. From the files the only thing I can	10	over the shoulder of a lawyer and tell you whether
11	ascertain is there were some documents held back	11	or not a lawyer did their job? I mean
12	because of personal health information.	12	MR. GABEL: I wanted to know who did
13	Q. Okay. What about with respect to 2007,	13	the job.
14	were any documents withheld by you or anyone, to	14	MS. MARTINEZ: Okay. The lawyers
15	your knowledge, at TrailBlazer based upon a	15	did.
16	determination that the document was privileged?	16	MR. GABEL: Was it TrailBlazer or
17	A. I know there were some documents that we	17	was it CMS or DOJ?
18	discussed with counsel.	18	Q. (By Mr. Gabel) And that's from your
19	MS. MARTINEZ: Do not discuss the	19	answer, I understand that TrailBlazer did not
20	content of any communication with counsel, okay?	20	independently withhold any documents based upon
21	THE WITNESS: Okay. Okay.	21	privilege?
22	Q. (By Mr. Gabel) Did TrailBlazer	22	A. Correct.

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